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President Tells Of Findings at Walter Reed

Therapy Planned For Patient to Resist Malignancy

Secretary of State Dulles has cancer, President Eisenhower announced today. Mr. Dulles will continue on leave from his cabinet post while undergoing radiation treatment.

The announcement by Mr. Eisenhower and one by Mr. Dulles' doctors left completely unclear whether Mr. Dulles will ever be able to return to his State Department desk. Presumably this depends on the extent of the cancer and on Mr. Dulles' response to treatment.

The President, whose announcement was released at Walter Reed Army Hospital where Mr. Dulles underwent a successful hernia operation yesterday morning, said the extent of the malignancy has not been fully determined.

In a separate medical statement on the Secretary's condition, Lincoln White, State Department press officer, said that no further surgery is contemplated, but radiation treatments will begin next week.

Remove Tissue and Fluids

When the hernia operation was performed yesterday, tissue and fluids were removed for tests to determine whether the malignancy had returned.

The medical report said a small "nubular implant" was removed from the hernia sac and proved upon examination to be an "adenocarcinoma," a small cancer. The medical announcement also said that the fluid removed at the time the hernia sac was repaired was found under the microscope to contain "free cancer cells."

Similar to Earlier Growth

The cancer described as adenocarcinoma was the "same kind of cancer Mr. Dulles was operated on for when a cancerous portion of his lower intestine was removed on November 3, 1956."

Since Mr. Dulles was operated on in 1956, medical reports—some as recently as last November—had showed no recurrence of the disease.

the Secretary's doctors or from Mr. White on the prospects of arresting the cancer through radiation treatments.

Mr. White said the duration of the Secretary's stay in the hospital could not be "pinpointed" beyond the statement that "the doctors expect the Secretary will be here for several weeks."

Future Uncertain

Mr. White was asked if it could be assumed that the Secretary will continue in office during this period. Mr. White

referred the question to the Secretary's letter asking for a leave of absence and the President's statement today saying that he would continue on leave.

It was not expected, Mr. White said, that Mr. Dulles would have any consultations with State Department officials within the next few days. When he was in the hospital for the removal of a cancerous part of his colon the Secretary carried on a regular series of meetings with his State Department aides.

Mr. White was asked if there was any connection between the cancerous condition that was found and the inflammation of the colon from which Mr. Dulles has been suffering for several weeks.

"I frankly don't know," Mr. White replied.

Surgery on Hernia Only

He emphasized anew that yesterday's operation was confined only to correcting the hernia condition.

He indicated that the cancerous condition was not determined until the results of a bioptic examination were completed today. He said that the doctors had explained to him that the frozen procedure, a quick examination of tissues, sometimes was used to assist doctors during surgery to determine if there was need for further incision. This was not done in the case of the hernia operation.

President Eisenhower visited Mr. Dulles at Walter Reed Hospital this morning for 37 minutes and found him "resting well."

Shortly after he left the hospital, Mrs. Anne Wheaton, assistant White House press secretary, read his statement to the close to 50 reporters assembled at the hospital.

Mr. Eisenhower said he had "expressed the thoughts and prayers of all of us that the results of his operation and the further course of treatment will be successful."

"In order to allow time for this purpose the Secretary continues on leave of absence."

Entered on Tuesday

Mr. Dulles went into the hospital last Tuesday after setting the broad lines of American policy in the face of Soviet threats to Berlin on a whirlwind trip to Europe last week.

Undersecretary Christian Herter is returning to Washington today to take over the post of Acting Secretary of State.

Since Mr. Dulles went to the hospital C. Douglas Dillon, Undersecretary for Economic Affairs, has been Acting Secretary.

Mr. Dillon and Loy Henderson, Deputy Undersecretary, conferred with Mr. Eisenhower this morning before the visit to Mr. Dulles' hospital suite. The President was informed of the finding of a cancerous condition before he paid the visit to Mr. Dulles at the hospital.

Members of the family also were informed. Mr. Dulles had been told of his condition earlier.

Relatives on Hand

During the time that the President spent with the Secretary others in the suite included Mrs. Dulles and the Secretary's sister, Mrs. Eleanor Lansing Dulles, who arrived about 10 minutes after Mr. Eisenhower; the Secretary's brother, Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Mr. Dillon, who has been Acting Secretary since Mr. Dulles entered the hospital.

Also present were Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder, the President's personal physician, and Maj. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, commanding general of Walter Reed, who performed the operation, and Dr. A. D. Daugh-

ton, the Secretary's personal physician.

President Obtains Book

Others in the suite included Maj. Gen. Wilton W. Persons, the assistant to the President; Gen. Andrew Goodpaster, staff assistant to the President, and Joseph H. Green, the Secretary's special assistant.

The President left the hospital carrying a book that he picked up in the Secretary's room. Mrs. Wheaton said the President had expressed interest in the book, and Mr. Dulles, who apparently had been in the midst of reading it, urged Mr. Eisenhower to take the volume.

Mrs. Wheaton said she did not know the title of the book. Reporters who saw the author's name on the book jacket as Overstreet found that a book, "What We Must Know About Communism," is the most recent work of Harry and Bonaro Overstreet. A subtitle continues: "Its Beginning, Its Growth, Its Present Status."

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